

## REMARKS

1. An Office Action requiring Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits was mailed December 14, 2007. Claims 1-19 were last presented for examination. By the foregoing Amendments, no claims have been amended, added or cancelled. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 1-19 will be pending in this application. Of these 19 claims, 4 claims (claims 1, 10, 14 and 18) are independent. In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit this Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

### *Election/Restriction*

2. The Examiner has required the election of a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner alleged that the originally filed claims are directed to the following four (4) patentably distinct inventions:

- I.* Claim 1-9 and 19, drawn to a speech processor and housing and case, classified in class 607, subclass 57.
- II.* Claims 10-13, drawn to a case for containing a speech processor, classified in class 206, subclass 438.
- III.* Claims 14-17, drawn to a speech processor and housing, classified in class 704, subclass 200.
- IV.* Claim 18, drawn to a speech processor, classified in class 704, subclass 200.

### *Election*

3. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.143 and MPEP 818.03(b), Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-9 and 19.

4. Applicants do not intend to dedicate non-elected claims to the public and reserve the right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by the non-elected claims.

5. The inventorship for the invention of the elected claims is the same as the inventorship of record in this application.

***Conclusion***

6. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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